

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. The BELL companies are not an example of good business. The only service they provide is BAD service, usually they provide no service at all. They have thoroughly messed up the telephone service to the point that many people use only cell phones. And now you want them to mess up the Internet service, where people not only communicate, but receive education, and conduct business?